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Prime Minister's schedule, September 4

NIKKEI (Page 2) (Full)
September 5, 2009

07:46 Took a walk near official residential quarters
10:01 Cabinet meeting at Prime Minister's Official Residence (Kantei)
10:26 Met former Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications Hiroya Masuda
11:01 Met Chief Cabinet Secretary Takeo Kawamura
13:00 Met Cabinet Intelligence Director Hideshi Mitani
13:41 Met former Lower House member Yukari Sato at LDP headquarters
14:02 National meeting of LDP secretaries general
16:53 Conference on Support for Advanced R&D meeting at Kantei
17:12 Council for Science and Technology Policy meeting at Kantei
17:40 Met Chief Cabinet Secretary Takeo Kawamura
18:44 Arrived at official residential quarters

DPJ President Yukio Hatoyama's schedule, September 4

09:02 Left residence in Denenchofu
09:34 Arrived at personal office in Nagata-cho
10:31 Arrived at DPJ headquarters
12:12 World Economic Forum Japan meeting at Roppongi Academic Hills
13:28 Met PRC Ambassador Cui Tiankai at DPJ headquarters
14:26 Met South Korean Ambassador Kwon Chul Hyun
15:36 Met new Muroran City mayor, followed by Director Koizumi and others of Leagues of Residents of Habomai Islands, Chishima
16:26 Met DPJ Deputy President Naoto Kan
19:22 Arrived home

Prime Minister's schedule, September 5

NIKKEI (Page 2) (Full)
September 6, 2009

09:59 Took a walk near official residential quarters
18:47 Dinner with wife Chikako, Mr. & Mrs. Toyohisa Asada of support group Hokuriku Sowai-kai, Kanazawa Chapter at Chinese restaurant Fook Lam Moon in Ginza
20:46 Arrived at official residential quarters with Mr. & Mrs. Asada

DPJ President Yukio Hatoyama's schedule, September 5

09:50 Met Hokkaido assemblyman Nobuyoshi Takiguchi at residence in Denenchofu
11:19 Visited grave of grandfather Ichiro at Yanaka Cemetery with wife Miyuki
11:48 Spent time with mother Yasuko, wife Miyuki at condominium St. Luke's Residence in Akashi-cho
12:44 General meeting, reception of Tokyo Muroran Association at Arcadia Ichigaya in Kudankita; accompanied by wife Miyuki
13:07 Lunch with wife Miyuki at Japanese restaurant Senbazuru at

Hotel New Otani
14:51 Met DPJ Deputy President Ichiro Ozawa at DPJ headquarters
16:09 Met DPJ Executive Office Chair Hirofumi Hirano
18:25 Hair cut at beauty parlor Peace in Okusawa
19:48 Returned home
20:37 Dinner at yakitori restaurant Toriei with wife Miyuki, others

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21:44 Arrived home

Prime Minister's schedule, September 6

NIKKEI (Page 2) (Full)
September 7, 2009

10:03 Took a walk near official residential quarters

DPJ President Yukio Hatoyama's schedule, September 6

Morning Stayed home in Denenchofu
13:01 Met DPJ Executive Office chief Hirofumi Hirano at party
headquarters
14:24 Met Hirano
16:30 Arrived home

4) Poll: 70 PERCENT of governors pin hopes on new government

TOKYO SHIMBUN (Page 1) (Abridged)
September 6, 2009

The Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) advocated "childcare allowances" and other policy-based measures in its manifesto or public pledges for the recent general election for the House of Representatives. These policies require an annual outlay of 16.8 trillion yen (for fiscal 2013). However, 27 governors, or about 60 PERCENT of the nation's governors, are feeling uneasy about how to secure ways and means for these DPJ policies, according to results of a survey by Kyodo News released yesterday.

Meanwhile, 35 governors, or more than 70 PERCENT of all governors, expressed their high expectations for the incoming DPJ-led government. There is a mood growing among the nation's governors as well for accepting the new government. Even so, the survey shows that they have raised questions about the feasibility of these in-depth policy measures.

The survey was conducted after the general election that ended in the DPJ's landslide victory. There were answers from 46 governors, excluding the Aichi governor who was on an official overseas trip. Among the 27 governors who are feeling uneasy about ways and means, 21 say they have high expectations for the new government.

5) Agreement on forming coalition government likely to be reached today

ASAHI (Page 1) (Excerpt)
September 8, 2009

Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) President Yukio Hatoyama proposed in the party's top three executives' meeting yesterday a plan to appoint Deputy President Ichiro Ozawa as secretary general and to retain Azuma Koshiishi as the party's Upper House Caucus chairman. The plan was approved by the three officers. In connection with the management of the coalition government expected to be formed with the Social Democratic Party and the People's New Party, (Hatoyama and the three officers) also confirmed a policy course to ask the two parties' party head-level persons to join the envisaged cabinet and to build a framework to carry out coordination in the cabinet. Talks on forming the coalition government are now in the final stage. An agreement is likely to be reached at today's three party

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heads' talks.

6) Hatoyama to appoint Hirano as chief cabinet secretary

YOMIURI (Top play) (Lead paragraph)
September 5, 2009

Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) President Yukio Hatoyama on Sept. 4 informally appointed Hirofumi Hirano, 60, currently head of the DPJ executive office, as chief cabinet secretary for the new government. With his decision to name his aide to the key cabinet post following the appointment of DPJ Deputy President Ichiro Ozawa as secretary general for managing party affairs, Hatoyama intends to set about appointments to other key posts of the new administration probably early next week, after the DPJ reaches a conclusion with the Social Democratic Party and the People's New Party to form a coalition government. Azuma Koshiishi, 73, will be retained in his current post as chairman of the DPJ caucus in the House of Councillors.

7) Kan likely to serve as deputy prime minister and national strategy minister, Okada as foreign minister, Fujii as finance minister

TOKYO SHIMBUN (Top play) (Lead paragraph)
September 6, 2009

The Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) on Sept. 5 decided on key posts of the new government. DPJ President Yukio Hatoyama informally decided to appoint deputy chief Naoto Kan, 62, as deputy prime minister and state minister of the National Strategy Bureau, Secretary General Katsuya Okada, 56, as foreign minister, and Supreme Advisor Hirohisa Fujii, 77, as finance minister. Besides the three, Policy Research Committee Chairman Masayuki Naoshima, 63, will likely join the cabinet. The DPJ is coordinating a plan to pick former Lower House Vice Speaker Takahiro Yokomichi, 68, or Kozo Watanabe, 77, former Lower House vice speaker, as speaker of the House of Representatives.

8) Hatoyama likely to appoint Kan as national strategy minister, Okada as foreign minister, Fujii as finance minister

YOMIURI (Top play) (Excerpts)
Evening, September 5, 2009

Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) President Yukio Hatoyama decided on Sept. 5 to appoint Deputy President Naoto Kan, 62, as state minister of the National Strategy Bureau, which will be established directly under the prime minister's control and responsible for outlining the national budget in the new government. Hatoyama has also made up his mind to appoint Secretary General Katsuya Okada, 56, as foreign minister. In order to unify decision-making on policies between the cabinet and the ruling camp, the state strategy minister will concurrently serve as DPJ policy chief. Coordination is underway for appointing Hirohisa Fujii, 77, a supreme advisor to the DPJ, to serve as finance minister.

Hatoyama has already decided to appoint Deputy President Ichiro Ozawa as DPJ secretary and DPJ Executive Office head Hirofumi Hirano as chief cabinet secretary. He had decided to give Kan and Okada, who once headed the DPJ, important cabinet posts.

9) DPJ vows to set up party head-level committee in cabinet

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MAINICHI (Page 1) (Excerpt)
September 8, 2009

President Hatoyama of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) on September 7 held a staff meeting at the party headquarters. Participants discussed the ongoing coalition talks with the Social Democratic Party (SDP) and the People's New Party (PNP) and key party personnel selections. They also vowed to present a proposal to the SDP and the PNP on setting up a cabinet ministerial committee to discuss basic policies (tentative name), participated in by party head-level persons, as a consultative body for the three ruling parties to discuss policies. Concerning the selection of party executives, the meeting informally decided to name Deputy President Ichiro Ozawa as secretary general. However, it put off the formal

selection of key cabinet members, such as Deputy President Naoto Kan as a minister in charge of the national strategy bureau and Secretary General Katsuya Okada as foreign minister, with Hatoyama saying that it would be logical to release cabinet appointments after reaching a settlement in the coalition talks.

10) Poll: 64 PERCENT pin hopes on Hatoyama; MSDF pullout unacceptable to public

SANKEI (Page 3) (Abridged)
September 8, 2009

Following up the recent election for the House of Representatives that ended in a landslide victory for the leading opposition Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), the Sankei Shimbun conducted a joint public opinion survey with Fuji News Network (FNN) on Sept. 5-6, in which a total of 63.8 PERCENT answered "yes" when asked if they had high expectations for DPJ President Yukio Hatoyama, who is expected to become Japan's next prime minister, while 31.6 PERCENT said "no." However, 66.0 PERCENT also said the DPJ has "too many seats" in the Diet's lower chamber. Asked why the DPJ won the election, 52.8 PERCENT cited the public's criticism of the policy measures and political stances of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its coalition partner, the New Komeito party. The poll indicates that the public's view of the DPJ has yet to be fixed.

In its manifesto of public pledges for the election, the DPJ incorporated "toll-free expressways" as a showcase. This policy, however, was unpopular, with affirmative opinions accounting for less than 30 PERCENT. Respondents were also asked if they supported the DPJ's policy of withdrawing the Maritime Self-Defense Force from its refueling mission in the Indian Ocean for antiterror operations. To this question, the proportion of negative opinions was nearly 10 points higher than that of affirmative ones, with 45.7 PERCENT saying "no" and 36.4 PERCENT saying "yes." As seen from these figures, some of the incoming government's policies were unacceptable to the public.

11) Ambassador Bosworth, MOFA Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau chief Saiki agree on demanding that DPRK implement denuclearization

MAINICHI (Page 2) (Full)
September 8, 2009

Naoyuki Inukai

U.S. special envoy for North Korean policy Stephen Bosworth met Directory General Akitaka Saiki of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs

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Bureau at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) on Sept. 7. The two officials discussed how to respond to North Korea's current soft and tough diplomatic stance, under which it is launching a "dialogue offensive" toward the U.S. and South Korea, while announcing its successful enrichment of uranium. They agreed to implement the sanctions based on the UN Security Council resolutions thoroughly and demand that North Korea implement the 2005 Six-Party Talks agreement, where it made a commitment to abandon its nuclear programs. Bosworth stressed at the meeting that "unless the agreement is implemented, no dialogue in any form will be held."

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei also had a meeting with his Japanese counterpart Mitoji Yabunaka at MOFA on Sept. 7. They confirmed that the two governments will communicate closely in anticipation of the inauguration of a Democratic Party of Japan administration.

12) MOFA Asian and Oceanian Affairs chief Saiki, U.S. special envoy Bosworth agree that U.S.-DPRK dialogue should take place under Six-Party Talks framework

TOKYO SHIMBUN (Page 2) (Full)
September 8, 2009

Director General Akitaka Saiki of the Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau and U.S. special envoy for North Korean policy Stephen

Bosworth held a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) on September 7. They agreed that U.S.-DPRK talks should take place under the Six-Party Talks framework after the DPRK returns to the talks.

At this meeting, Bosworth said that, "Unless North Korea reconfirms the 2005 Six-Party Talks agreement (on the DPRK's abandonment of its nuclear programs), there will be no U.S.-DPRK dialogue."

The two officials also exchanged views on North Korea's "successful" enrichment of uranium, criticizing this as a provocative act. They assessed the UN Security Council resolutions on economic sanctions against North Korea to be effective and confirmed that the two sides will continue to call on other countries to implement the sanctions.

13) DPJ Secretary General Okada says sanctions on North Korea will be "continued"

NIKKEI (Page 2) (Full)
September 5, 2009

At a news conference on September 4, Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) Secretary General Katsuya Okada commented on North Korea's recent letter to the UN Security Council (UNSC) chairman declaring that it is "in the final phase of uranium enrichment." He said: "We will continue to implement the current sanctions without fail in order to make (North Korea) understand that nothing good comes from taking a tough line." This statement indicates that the new DPJ administration will continue the policy of sanctions against the DPRK.

Okada pointed out that, "This is a very critical period where doing nothing about the situation will make (North Korea's) nuclear weapons a fait accompli." With regard to additional sanctions, he said: "Discussions should take place first in the UNSC. If that is

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insufficient, additional sanctions remain to be an option."

14) Japan-China-ROK summit to be held before end of year in China

NIKKEI (Page 1) (Full)
September 8, 2009

It is now expected that a summit between the top leaders of Japan, China, and South Korea, which was originally planned for late August, will be held by the end of the year in China, according to a senior Foreign Ministry official on Sept. 7. The event was postponed due to the dissolution of the House of Representatives for a general election (in Japan) that coincided with the planned trilateral summit. Democratic Party of Japan President Yukio Hatoyama, who is certain to lead the next administration, has announced an Asia-oriented policy. China is also seeking an early (trilateral summit). (The two countries) are also considering the option of holding a Japan-China summit on the sidelines of the planned trilateral summit.

15) Hatoyama to visit China in October

YOMIURI (Page 1) (Full)
September 7, 2009

Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) President Yukio Hatoyama has decided to visit China soon after becoming prime minister, possibly in October, to hold talks with President Hu Jintao, a senior DPJ official said. By visiting China soon after assuming the premiership, Hatoyama intends to play up his stance of attaching importance to Japan-China relations. With the Chinese president, Hatoyama intends to exchange views on Japan-China cooperation on global challenges, such as climate change, and outstanding bilateral issues, such as the development of gas fields in the East China Sea.

The DPJ vowed in its manifesto for the House of Representatives election to "do its utmost to build a relationship of mutual trust

with China, South Korea, and other Asian countries." Hatoyama has said that he will develop Japan and China's "strategic and mutually beneficial relations into substantial relations."

China welcomes Hatoyama as the next prime minister and praises his stance on Yasukuni Shrine. Hatoyama has criticized visits to the shrine by prime ministers and cabinet ministers.

Hatoyama is scheduled to visit the United States late this month to attend the financial summit and the UN General Assembly. He plans to meet with Hu for the first time as prime minister on the sidelines of one of the two events.

16) U.S., China to work closely with Hatoyama administration in dealing with North Korea

NIKKEI (Page 2) (Full)
September 8, 2009

Vice-Foreign Minister Mitoji Yabunaka met yesterday with visiting Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Wu Dawei, chair of the Six-Party Talks on the North Korean nuclear issue. They agreed that the two countries will continue working closely in dealing with the North Korean issue and other matters even after a Hatoyama administration

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is launched. Ahead of this meeting, Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau Director-General Akitaka Saiki agreed with visiting U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Policy Stephen Bosworth on the continuation of international sanctions on North Korea. The talks stopped short of discussing a concrete response to the North Korean issue.

17) Hiroshima mayor asks Hatoyama to take initiative for elimination of nuclear arms

TOKYO SHIMBUN (Page 2) (Full)
September 8, 2009

Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba on the afternoon of Sept. 7 met with Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) President Hatoyama at party headquarters. Akiba during the meeting asked Hatoyama to play a leading role for the total elimination of nuclear arms by 2020 and speed up the recognition of atomic bomb survivors. Hatoyama responded: "I understand how you feel. I would like to study the matter." Hiroshima City and Nagasaki City are aiming to adopt the Hiroshima and Nagasaki protocol, which indicates the way to the elimination of nuclear weapons, at the Review Conference of the Treaty on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to be held in the U.S. in May next year.

18) U.S. mulls offshore location for Futenma alternative

YOMIURI (Page 1) (Full)
September 7, 2009

Satoshi Ogawa, Washington

On the issue of relocating the U.S. Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station in Okinawa Prefecture, the U.S. Department of Defense is looking into the possibility of conditionally responding to Okinawa Governor Hirokazu Nakaima's call for a "slight revision" to the planned construction of an alternative facility at Camp Schwab in the island prefecture's northern coastal city of Nago, sources on Japan-U.S. relations have revealed.

The Pentagon makes it a precondition to complete the relocation of Futenma airfield in 2014 as planned. According to Okinawa Prefecture's environmental impact assessment regulations, it is acceptable for the construction site to be moved within a range of about 50 meters in the process of carrying out procedures for an environmental assessment. The Pentagon wants to shorten this range as much as possible.

The U.S. government has so far asked the Japanese government to obtain Okinawa Prefecture's cooperation on the current Futenma

relocation plan. However, the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), which has been calling for Futenma airfield to be relocated outside Okinawa Prefecture, will shortly come into office. Given this, Washington seems to have judged that it would be necessary to consider Okinawa Prefecture's standpoint in order for the current plan to be implemented. Nakaima has said the government should deal with the issue in a pragmatic way for the early reversion of Futenma airfield. Based on this position, Nakaima is not in agreement with the DPJ and is calling for the Futenma replacement facility to be relocated to a coastal area of Camp Schwab.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government does not intend to renegotiate with

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the Japanese government on the Futenma replacement facility, as U.S. State Department spokesman Kelly said Aug. 31. However, the U.S. government takes the position that the "slight revision" is not "a change to the intergovernmental agreement" between Japan and the United States since it could be made in Japan's environmental impact assessment procedures, according to the sources.

In 2008, the then Fukuda cabinet sounded out the U.S. government on the idea of moving the replacement facility's location to a site 50 meters offshore. However, the Pentagon rejected it.

19) DPJ, SDP, PNP Diet members from Okinawa hope to include opposition to present Futenma relocation plan in "common policies for coalition government"

ASAHI (Page 4) (Full)
September 8, 2009

A total of seven Diet members of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ), the Social Democratic Party (SDP), and the People's New Party (PNP) from Okinawa decided on Sept. 7 to ask their party executives to include opposition to the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station to the Henoko district in Nago City in a list of common policies that will be compiled in forming a coalition government. The seven lawmakers also confirmed that they will call for suspending the implementation of relocation-related budgets, including one for an environmental impact assessment.

In the recent House of Representatives election, candidates on the LDP's, SDP's, and PNP's tickets defeated four LDP candidates in the Okinawa No.1, 2, 3, and 4 districts. Kantoku Teruya of the SDP, who was elected in the Okinawa No. 2 district, said:

"We, the four Diet members, won in the election by pledging to oppose the new base construction plan in Henoko. We will convey the will of the Okinawan people shown in the election and our determination to the new administration through our parties."

20) New U.S. envoy watches Giants game

YOMIURI (Page 32) (Full)
September 6, 2009

U.S. Ambassador to Japan John Roos, who just arrived at his post in Tokyo two weeks ago, visited Tokyo Dome yesterday to watch a baseball game between the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants and the Tokyo Yakult Swallows. The ambassador came to the ballpark with his wife Susie and his son David two and a half hours before the game started. On the field, he chatted with Giants Manager Hara and two foreign players, Alex Ramirez and Seth Greisinger.

When the game began, Roos cheered for the Giants with fans while waving an orange Giants towel. Roos is a big fan of the San Francisco Giants, a U.S. Major League Baseball team. He talked about his dream for baseball exchanges between Japan and the United States. "I hope we can invite the American team to play a game between the Japanese Giants and the American Giants," he said.

21) DPJ President Hatoyama vows 25 percent cut in greenhouse gas emissions

ASAHI (Top play) (Lead para.)

Evening, September 7, 2009

The Asahi Global Environment Forum 2009, hosted by the Asahi Shimbun, kicked off in Tokyo on Sept. 7. The two-day conference is designed to explore challenges to materialize a low carbon society. Referring to Japan's midterm goal to curb greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, President Hatoyama of the Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) in a speech vowed to aim for a 25 percent cut, compared with the 1990 level. He indicated his intention to transmit to the world his incoming government's measures to curb global warming greenhouse gas emissions, including measures to assist developing countries, at a UN conference to be held later in the month.

ROOS